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Filed: February 25, 2002 Examiner:
For: ROTATIONAL ANGLE DETECTING DEVICE,
TORQUE DETECTING DEVICE AND STEERING
APPARATUS

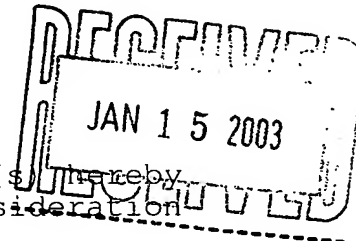
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

January 10, 2003

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by the Examiner.



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The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration.

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Enclosures: ☒ PTO-1449
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I, Kohno Takao; 4-3 Tsurigane-cho, 2-chome, Chuo-ku, Osaka 540-0035 JAPAN, hereby certify that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

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